

“Paterson’s Curse is only a problem when landholders no longer consider it a problem.”



100% Infestation



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PATERSON’S CURSE CONTROL FIELD DAY

Brought to you by the Balmattum-Sheans Creek Landcare Goup

Paterson’s Curse is a weed that has significant impact on agricultural production. It is listed as a Weed of Regional Significance under the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 (VIC). This status means that “Land owners have the responsibility to take all reasonable steps to prevent the growth and spread of regionally controlled weeds on their land!”

Our area, perhaps more than others in the region has battled this invasive weed over many years with mixed success.

Following last season’s successful aerial spray program along with the introduction of some biological control methods, the Balmattum Sheans Creek Landcare Group are finding new, innovative strategies to ensure all landholders can participate in controlling this problem weed, whatever the priorities are of the individual landholders production system.



Please join us on

Saturday, June 17, 2017, from 10am-12.30pm at Lot 48A Sheans Creek Road, Sheans Creek, to learn more about what options and support are available.

Guest Speakers include:



1. Simon Feillafe, Biological Control Specialist – Simon will discuss Stage 2 of the Biological Control Release in the Balmattum and Sheans Creek area and will have the Flea Beetle on hand to demonstrate how it works and the impact these amazing creatures can have.

The Balmattum Sheans Creek Landcare Group have initiated biological control trials in our region. Biological controls utilise a range of insects that affect the growth and spread of Paterson’s Curse. An example of this is the Paterson’s curse flower feeding beetle *Meligethes planiusculus*. This beetle causes damage to the flowers and developing seed by feeding on them, thus reducing seed production.

2. Paton Air - Aerial Spray Contractor – David will discuss how Paton Air operate the helicopter to achieve optimal results, with minimal drift.

3. Sarah Hill, Landmark Agronomist – Sarah will discuss the benefits of pasture renovation and how spray grazing can control Paterson’s Curse.

4. Steph Ryan, Member for Euroa – Steph is an honoree member of the Balmattum Sheans Creek Landcare Group and will discuss the National Party’s commitment to Landcare, weed control and supporting Victorian Farming enterprises.



RSVP: June 12, 2017 to sooziq@me.com
For further information, please contact
Balmattum Sheans Creek Landcare President, Suzanne Gall.

About Balmattum Sheans Creek Landcare

Balmattum-Sheans Creek Landcare Group is made up of a mix of professional agricultural enterprises and lifestyle farmers, both of which care deeply about the environment they farm and live amongst. Much of their effort is focused on pest, plant and animal management, sustainable farming, waterway protection and new land holder education. They deliver projects in cooperation with Local Government and the Gecko CLaN. The group area historically encompasses Faithfull and Sheans creeks, both hills and plains areas, and was formed in 1993. The group was formed to combat Pattersons Curse and other weeds, salinity, rabbits and erosion control along waterways.

Key projects include:

- Paterson’s Curse Control on Private Land.
- Tunnel erosion and salinity on fragile granite soils.
- Weed control along roadsides in partnership with Strathbogie Shire Council.
- Dispersal of funds for weed control to local landholders.
- Field days on rabbit control.

